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FOR AF/C PYLE

1. IN FOUR RECENT CASES, VISITORS BEARING RWANDAN VISAS ISSUED WASHINGTON SUPPOSEDLY VALID FOR FIVE DAYS STAY IN RWANDA WERE TOLD BY GOR IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES KIGALI AIRPORT THAT VISA INVALID SINCE FIVE DAY VALIDITY DATES FROM THE DAY OF VISA'S ISSUANCE. ALTHOUGH OUR READING OF RWANDAN VISAS SUGGESTS VALIDITY WAS FOR PERIOD OF STAY DATING FROM TIME OF ARRIVAL, A CHECK WITH CHIEF IMMIGRATION INDICATES RWANDAN OFFICIALS HERE INTERPRET VALIDITY FROM DATE OF ISSUANCE.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT ALERTING RWANDAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON TO PROBLEM AND REQUESTING GOR EMBASSY ISSUE VISAS FOR SUFFICIENT VALIDITY TO COVER TIME FROM VISA ISSUANCE TO DATE VISITORS' INTENDED DEPARTURE RWANDA. IF CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF LIMITED VALIDITY VISAS HAVE BEEN ISSUED WASHINGTON, EMB WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED SO IT CAN NEGOTIATE GOR EXCEPTION TO ITS GENERAL INTERPRETATION OF VALIDITY.FRITTS

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